



News from Congressman

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New Federal Grant Helps Local Firefighters

San Mateo, CA – Congressman Tom Lantos (D-San Mateo, San Francisco) announced today that the San Mateo County Fire Service will receive \$249,606 in additional federal funding for the purchase of new equipment.

"As we call on our fire services to do more and more for our community, their need for more financial support grows," Lantos said. "We depend on our first responders for everything from routine health and safety situations to standing ready in case of a catastrophic attack. I am pleased that these federal funds will help provide the equipment to help them get the job done."

Through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, the Department of Homeland Security will provide funding for departmental equipment including radios, mobile radios, a CPR resuscitation unit, portable breathing gear and thermal imaging devices that help firefighters see through smoke.

The San Mateo County Fire Service protects more than 700,000 residents through 20 local fire departments that share resources through a single incident command system to manage all incidents.

As a member of the Congressional Fire Caucus, Lantos works with local jurisdictions to bring additional federal support to firefighters. Within the last year, such additional grants to jurisdictions within the 12th Congressional District have topped \$1.3 million.

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